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I am ſorry I cannot ſay there hath been ſuch a Progreſs made by you Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons towards thoſe ends, as Their Majeſties had juſt reaſon to expect; And I am the more troubled that you who have ſo many and ſo great Obligations to be Loyal and Dutifully affected to Their Majeſties, ſhould ſo far miſtake your ſelves, as to intrench upon Their Majeſties Prerogative, and the Rights of the Crown of *England*, as you did on the 27th of *October* laſt, when by a Declaratory Vote you affirmed, That it is the ſole and undoubted Right

of the Commons of *Ireland*, to prepare heads of Bills for raiſing of Money; and alſo again on the 28th of the ſame month, when you rejected a Bill ſent over in the uſual form, Entituled, *An Act for granting to Their Majeſties certain Duties for one Year*, you Voted that it ſhould be entred in your Journals, that the reaſon why the ſaid Bill was rejected, was, that the ſame had not its riſe in your Houſe.

Theſe Votes of yours being contrary to the Statutes of the 10th of *Henry* the 7th and the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, and the continued practice ever ſince: I find my ſelf obliged to aſſert Their Majeſties Prerogative, and the Rights of the Crown of *England* in theſe particulars, in ſuch a manner as may be moſt Public and Permanent, And therefore I do here in full Parliament make my Public Proteſt againſt thoſe Votes and the Entires of them in the Journal of the Houſe of Commons, which proteſt I require the Clerk of this Houſe to Read, and afterwards to enter it in the Journals of this Houſe, that it may remain as a Vindication of Their Majeſties Prerogative. and the Right of the Crown of *England* in theſe particulars to future Ages.

After which His Excellency the Lord Lientenant delivered the Proteſtation to the Lord Chancellor, who delivered it to the Clerk of the Houſe, and he Read it; then the Lord Chancellor upon his knee Conferring with His Excellency, ſaid as followeth.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

HIs Excellency having been acquainted that Both Houſes intended ſeverally to preſent ſome Heads upon which they deſired Bills to be prepared of ſuch as His Excellency and the Council ſhould approve of, Commands me to acquaint you that he will take them into his Conſideration, and that againſt the meeting of the Parlianent after this intended Prorogation ſuch of them as ſhall be found requiſite ſhall be in readineſs to be brought into Parliament.

That which I have further in Command from His Excellency, is, to let you know that it is his pleaſure that this Parliament be Prorogued to *Thurſday* the Sixth day of *April* next, and this Parliament is Prorogued to *Thurſday* the Sixth day of *April* next.

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